

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-634

February 1, 2000

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Investigation into Area Code
Relief

PROCEDURAL ORDER

In its September 28, 1999 Order delegating numbering authority to the Commission,¹ the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) required states to initially abide by the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Thousand Block Pooling Administration Guidelines (INC) Guidelines. ¶ 30. It also found, however, that if the state believed that changes to those guidelines were necessary, a state could modify the guidelines after consultation with the industry. On January 20, 2000, the State Coordination Group submitted a revised version of the INC Guidelines (SCG Version) to the FCC during an *ex parte* meeting with FCC staff. The SCG Version is the product of work by staff from the following state commissions: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maine, Missouri, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

The proposed revisions fall into five major categories:

- (1) Changing of permissive language to more mandatory language (changing “may” to “shall”) so that service provider and pooling administrator (PA) duties are clear;
- (2) Changing the non-jeopardy inventory level from 9 months to 6 and the jeopardy level from 6 months to 3;
- (3) Including state commissions in all decisions; decisions that previously included only the industry and the PA now require consultation with the state commission;
- (4) Requiring service providers to submit forecasts on a quarterly basis if deemed necessary by the state commission or the PA; and
- (5) Requiring the PA to review all service provider forecasts for reasonableness as well as the composite forecast created by adding all the individual service provider forecasts together.

¹ *In the Matter of Maine Public Utilities Commission, Petition for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures*, CC Docket No. 96-98, Order (September 28, 1999) (*FCC Delegation Order*).

A red-lined version of the SCG Version is available on the Commission's website at <http://janus.state.me.us/mpuc/Area%20Code/SCGguidelines.pdf>. A paper copy will be mailed to any party upon request.

Pursuant to the FCC's delegation, the Commission invites parties to submit comments on the proposed changes and their impacts.

Parties should provide comments regarding the implications of the proposed changes no later than February 22, 2000.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 1st day of February, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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